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MATERIALS INHIBITING THE ACTIVATION OF

SUBSTANCES DEGRADING THEM

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## REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

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Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated December 18, 2003, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.